COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND COMMERCE

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ENERGY

SUBCOMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION AND COMMERCE

Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, **BC** 20515-0308

April 28, 2022

The Honorable Merrick B. Garland Attorney General Department of Justice 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Attorney General Garland,

As you are aware, the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Delaware currently has an ongoing investigation into allegations of wrongdoing by the President's son Hunter Biden. The investigation is currently looking into allegations of improper relationships with foreign businesses, failure to adequately disclose these relationships to the United States government, and outstanding tax liabilities to the Internal Revenue Service.

In the past several months, it has become increasingly evident that Hunter Biden took advantage of his father's position and influence as Vice-President to develop business relationships in Kazakhstan, China, and Ukraine. Emails taken off his laptop, which was left in a computer repair shop in Wilmington, Delaware, have made it clear that the President's son was improperly involved in several dealings with foreign companies that could warrant criminal prosecution. These emails show that Hunter Biden lobbied on behalf of Burisma, a Ukrainian energy company, without registering under the Foreign Agents Registration Act. It also appears that he used gifts received from the same company to pay off personal tax liabilities he had with the IRS.

It has become apparent that Hunter Biden used his position as Second Son to advance his business interests. I understand and recognize that you are appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the President of the United States, which is why I am asking that you support an independent Special Counsel to assume the investigation from the U.S. Attorney for the District of Delaware. Following allegations of wrongdoing by President Trump and his Administration, which endured much closer scrutiny than the Biden administration, the then-Attorney General Jeff Sessions appointed a Special Counsel to investigate these allegations. The same standard should apply in this case.

Sincerely,

Debbie Lesko

Member of Congress

1214 LONGWORTH HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515 (202) 225-4576

> 12515 W BELL RO SUITE 104 SURPRISE, AZ 85378 (623) 776-7911

website: Lesko.House.gov